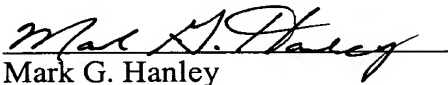




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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants would like to begin this communication by expressing their appreciation for the thorough examination of Application Number 10/777,003 as conveyed in an Office Action mailed December 8, 2004. This communication is a response to said Office Action, and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

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